**Common Benchmark Assessment 4**

**Reading Comprehension**

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**From Outer Space**

FoxNews.com reports that Dr. Richard B. Hoover, an astrobiologist at NASA, believes that he has found the fossils of bacteria in meteorites. In other words, he claims to have found traces of life from outer space.  
  
Not surprisingly, his claim is controversial; many scientists do not accept that Dr. Hoover has come to the correct conclusion from what he has observed. Therefore, he has invited over 5,000 scientists to review his work and to publish their comments.  
  
1. Bacteria are a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  
  
a. group of scientists  
b. place where meteors come from  
c. kind of restaurant  
d. form of life

e. all of these

2. When something is *controversial*, people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  
  
a. get sick from it  
b. believe it is ancient and extremely rare  
c. have strong disagreements about it  
d. brush their teeth with it

e. none of these  
  
3. Dr. Hoover seems confident that his research will be proven correct because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  
  
a. he is named after a vacuum cleaner  
b. he has invited many scientists to look closely at his work  
c. he works for NASA  
d. he gets a rash when he touches meteorites

e. all of these  
  
4. Based on the reading selection, which statement is *true*?  
  
a. No one believes that Dr. Hoover has made an important discovery.  
b. Astrobiologists are smarter than other scientists.  
c. Dr. Hoover believes he has found fossils of bacteria.   
d. Dr. Hoover did his work without using a microscope.

e. none of these

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**Drawing Conclusions**

***Read the selection and then choose the statement that is most likely true.***

5. Emir rarely rides to school each morning. He could take the school bus but prefers to walk the two miles from his home to school. He believes that the walk wakes him up and improves his learning throughout the day.  
  
a. Emir always rides the bus home at the end of the school day.  
b. Emir never rides the bus to school.  
c. Emir values learning.  
d. Emir is usually late for school.  
  
6. “Remember, Maria,” Mrs. Russo said, “you’re very allergic to chocolate. Please don’t eat any chocolate candy at the Halloween party!”  
  
Three hours later, Maria was home from the party with a terrible stomach ache. “I promise you, Mom,” Maria groaned, “I’ll always do what you say from now on.”  
  
a. Maria got into a fight at the party.  
b. Maria ate chocolate at the party.  
c. Maria ate no chocolate at the party.  
d. Maria embarrassed herself by singing at the party.  
  
7. In another week, we’ll be turning our clocks back one hour. Then it will be almost dark by the time most of us get home from school. It will seem as if we suddenly have less daylight each day. Of course, people aren’t actually changing the behavior of the sun or the earth by messing with their clocks.  
  
a. Our planet has to spin faster when we reset our clocks.  
b. It’s clear that turning our clocks back will help prevent global warming.  
c. If according to our clocks, the sun sets an hour earlier, it will also rise an hour earlier.  
d. The earth will actually rotate at a slower rate when we turn back the clocks.  
  
8. Every time I give my cat a plate of tuna, he ignores it. Every time I give him a plate of salmon, he quickly eats it all. When I feed him beef, he eats a little bit of it, but doesn’t seem to love it.  
  
a. Cats prefer salmon over tuna.  
b. I give my cat more than one kind of food.  
c. My cat likes tuna better than beef.  
d. My cat won’t eat fish.

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| 11) | What date is the second Monday in January? |  |

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| 12) | What date is the first Thursday in January? |  |

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| 13) | What day of the week is January 3? |  |

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| 14) | What day of the week is February 23? |  |

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| 15) | What day of the week is February 3? |  |

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| 16) | What date is the third Friday in February? |  |

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| 17) | What date is the second Monday in February? |  |

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| 18) | What day of the week is February 17? |  |

Professional /Work Skills

Circle the correct answers

1. Filling out an application is a way to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a job.
2. Hire
3. Apply
4. Send
5. Sale
6. All of these
7. A neat, well-written letter will make a good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on an employer.
8. Friend
9. Safe
10. Impression
11. Job
12. None of these
13. An employer can call a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to learn about you.
14. Neighbors
15. Reference
16. Counselor
17. Teacher
18. All of these
19. A one page summary that tells about your work experience, education, and skills is called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
20. Report
21. Test
22. Letter
23. Resume
24. None of these
25. Employer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_people when they give them jobs.
26. Sell
27. Hire
28. Seed
29. Fire
30. All of these
31. To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means to ask for something.
32. Request
33. Experience
34. Send
35. Sell
36. None of these

Social Skills

Circle the correct answer

1. A true friend\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Likes you for yourself
3. Respects the things you think are important
4. Share some of the same interests
5. Talks to you
6. All of these
7. You can avoid conflict by\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Explaining your opinions confidently
9. Using good listening skills
10. Avoid putting down others
11. Walk away for a minute
12. All of these
13. One way that you can tell that people are not listening is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. They interrupt
15. They face the speaker
16. They make eye contact
17. They summarize what the speaker is saying
18. None of these
19. To avoid angry feelings, you should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
20. Discuss the problem with someone else
21. Never take time to cool off
22. Do not take deep breaths
23. Avoid exercise
24. All of these

English Assessment

Circle the correct answer

1. Today is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Monday
3. Tuesday
4. Wednesday
5. Thursday
6. Friday
7. None of these
8. Tomorrow is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. Monday
10. Tuesday
11. Wednesday
12. Thursday
13. Friday
14. All of these
15. Yesterday was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
16. Monday
17. Tuesday
18. Wednesday
19. Thursday
20. Friday
21. None of these
22. What time do we go to Loaves and Fishes?
23. 10:30 am
24. 11:00 am
25. 12:30 am
26. 10:00 am
27. All of these
28. What day doe we go to Feed The Children?
29. Friday
30. Saturday
31. Monday
32. Wednesday
33. None of these
34. What day do we go to Loaves and Fishes?
35. Monday
36. Wednesday
37. Friday
38. Tuesday
39. All of these
40. We sell our products on the coffee cart in the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
41. Evening
42. Afternoon
43. Morning
44. Night
45. None of these